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POLITICS IS BEHIND ATTACK ON CONTRACT

Joint Lighting Committee Considered Propositions For Eighteen Hours At Its Session.

INTERESTED PERSONS IN OPPOSITION

"Politics is behind all this noise," said a member of the joint lighting committee of the general council today, "and the whole opposition is based on the determination of the city administration to prevent this general council improving the lighting plant and building the Island creek bridge. These improvements would be a feather in the cap of this council that the administration fellows can not bear to think of."

"We wish to let the contract to the General Electric company for \$10,000. They wish us to spend \$20,000. They can't bear to think of our having sufficient money left in the contingent fund to repair the lighting plant and build the bridge—and there is the whole matter."

"Of course, it is easy enough to bring in all these other circumstances and impugn our motives after they have determined to block the business. You know, that every defeated competitor is ready to grasp at a straw to get a reconsideration, and each one thinks he has been badly dealt with, because he hasn't got the contract in his pocket."

"Now, they talk of too little consideration. This joint lighting committee listened to those electrical men for eighteen hours. Isn't that giving the matter consideration? As to taking advice on the subject: We are not expert electricians, but we are business men, and we know when the advice of experts is unreasonably biased toward the most expensive plan and we know that when every public measure instituted by this general council meets the opposition of the executive department, there is an intention behind it to make this council go out with a record of works unperformed."

"We listened to the proposition of these concerns for eighteen hours, then we made our report to the general council. Now, here another trick was played. Because we insisted on a vote being taken on the adoption or rejection of the committee's report, it was made to appear that we insisted on the report being adopted without considering the propositions of these various concerns. The general council proceeded along the only parliamentary lines possible. The committee had been appointed to consider these propositions. The only use of a committee is to relieve the general body of detail work. Had it been necessary, anyway, for the general council to listen to the representatives of the competing concerns, it would have been folly to let a committee waste eighteen hours going over the same thing."

"The idea of the city was to receive bids on plans for a plant sufficient to maintain 200 arc lamps, and it was estimated that the cost would be upward of \$15,000. This proposition of the General Electric company gives us capacity for 300 lamps at a less cost."

"Did it ever occur to you that this general council has simply been spending money to cover up the bad management of the administration and the old Democratic board? We inherited a condemned bridge over Island creek and a run down municipal lighting plant, unfinished streets and sewers, ill equipped street cleaning department, and a hundred other deficiencies. We are trying to attend to the city's business in a business-like manner, and we are met with opposition at every turn."

"These are not the friends of the people arrayed against us, but the discredited element, part of whom the people ousted when we were elected, and the administration part."

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By the consent of the people of Paducah, The Sun has the largest circulation in the city and county. The average for June was 4072 a day.

THAW OBDURATE

HIS OWN COUNSEL PROCEEDS AGAINST OLCOTT'S FIRM.

Refuses to Heed Mother's Advice to Retain Attorneys and Will Not Be Insane.

New York, July 19.—Chaotic conditions surrounding the preparation of the defense of Harry K. Thaw, accused of the murder of Stanford White, were accentuated today.

Following quickly after the mother had twice during the day endeavored to gain the boy's consent to the re-employment of Black, Olcott, Grubel & Bonvage, and to consent to a plea of insanity, Clifford W. Hartridge, Thaw's personal counsel, obtained from Justice Blanchard, of the supreme court, late today an order directing Olcott's firm to show cause next Friday why they should not turn over to Hartridge all papers in the Thaw case. Hartridge based his motion of the petition, signed by Thaw, which was placed on record in connection with the proceedings.

REACH DANES ISLAND.

Wellman Expedition Finds Everything Prepared for It.

Digermulen, Lofoden Isles, Norway, July 19.—The steamer Frithjof, having on board the Wellman-Chicago Record-Herald Arctic expedition, reached Danes Island, Spitzbergen, July 9, and found the shore of Virgo Bay already dotted with structures, including machine shops ready for work and the material in readiness to begin the construction of the giant balloon house. The place had the appearance of a new western town.

IN CHICAGO

Suits Will Be Instituted Against Standard Oil.

Cleveland, O., July 19.—The federal grand jury late this afternoon reported that no indictments had been found against the Standard company and the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern railway in connection with the charge of violating interstate commerce laws. This action was decided on because of lack of jurisdiction. The case and all the evidence submitted before the grand jury here will be transferred to Chicago, where proceedings will be instituted in the federal court without delay.

TO FACE THE MUSIC.

Is Standard Oil King Who Intends to Sail for New York.

Compiegne, France, July 19.—John D. Rockefeller will sail on July 20 for New York as already announced. He is going back to face the music. Mr. Rockefeller knows that a warrant and a subpoena await him in the United States. According to his friends he views the warrant as spite work and politics. He has been in communication with his lawyers and will return to Cleveland immediately after landing.

TO PHILADELPHIA.

Grand Lodge of Elks Will Go Next Year.

Denver, July 19.—Philadelphia was chosen by the grand lodge of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks today as the convention city for next year.

Despondent Banker Kills Himself.
Des Moines, Ia., July 19.—Martin Flynn, president of the People's Savings bank, committed suicide today by shooting. Despondency due to ill health is given as the cause.

FIFTY-TWO SHOCKS FELT AT SOCORRO

Buildings Wrecked and Na- tives Panic Stricken.

Two-Thirds of Residences and Court- House and Schools Damaged By Disturbance.

TEMPERATURE OF SPRINGS.

El Paso, Tex., July 19.—Socorro, N. M., south of Santa Fe has been badly damaged by an earthquake. Fifty-two shocks have been felt since Sunday morning. The court-house is wrecked. The buildings of the school of mines are cracked and nearly every residence in the city is cracked or wrecked. More than two-thirds of them at least are damaged or destroyed.

The town, which is large of adobe and brick is almost shaken to pieces. People are fleeing but no one has been killed.

The Santa Fe railway has sent box cars to Socorro to take the people away and many already fled to other towns. Huge boulders, however, have been jarred down on the railroad tracks and trains cannot enter the town.

The water in the hot springs near Socorro has increased several degrees in temperature and the inhabitants think the ancient extinct volcano, ten miles away will break out and begin spouting lava again.

The entire surrounding country has felt the shocks and much damage has been done, especially at San Marcella and Magdalena, but not so severely as Socorro.

Nature of Disturbances.

Albuquerque, N. M., July 19.—The center of the earthquake disturbances in a zone 30 miles long by about 10 miles wide, running from the Ladron mountains northeast, through Socorro San Antonio and San Marcella. On this side of the belt the shocks were hardly felt. Each one was preceded by a loud rumbling like heavy thunder, which could be heard approaching from the northwest before it reached Socorro. People are leaving Socorro on every train and on wagons. About 2,000 are camping in tents. No one dares to go indoors. There is much distress among the people camping in the open, as heavy rains have fallen the last two days.

FOR CONGRESS

JUDGE LIGHTFOOT ANNOUNCES IF JAMES WITHDRAWS.

Ambitions of First District Men De- pend on Latter's Race for Governor.

It is said that County Judge R. T. Lightfoot has the congressional bee buzzing in his bonnet, and his plans all depend on what Olie James does in the matter of the race for governor. It is stated that Judge Lightfoot will announce for congress as soon as James does for governor.

Those who are mentioned for James' successor are Senator J. Wheeler Campbell, Attorney Sam Crossland, of Mayfield, and Jake Corbett, of Wickliffe.

It is understood that some aspirants are using every means to get James to run and are firing cablegrams across the Atlantic urging the big congressman to an immediate decision.

COUNT TODLEHEN

Nearly Assassinated By "Red" Who Escaped.

St. Petersburg, July 19.—An attempt was made to assassinate Count Todleben, aide de camp to Emperor Nicholas, at the engineers' camp at Tiora, between St. Petersburg and Schlusselburg. The would-be assassin fired at Todleben with a revolver, the bullet grazing his head.

Bomb Thrown From School.

Tiflis, July 19.—While Chief of Police Maximoff was passing Georgian Nobles school today a bomb, thrown at him from a window of the building, exploded near the chief, seriously injuring him. Soldiers attracted to the scene surrounded the building and fired a volley into it, killing the author of the outrage.

MITCHELL SUGGESTED.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., July 19.—Announcement is made of a plan to nominate John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers of America, as vice president on the Democratic ticket, providing William Jennings Bryan is the selection of that party for president. Mitchell, who is at Carbondale, declines to discuss the report.

"WATER CURE" PROVES NO BAR

Court Gives Mrs. Seybert Divorce Despite Husband's Plea.

South Bend, Ind., July 19.—The famous "water cure" divorce case came to a sudden and unexpected end late this afternoon when Judge Funk gave Mrs. Ethel Griffiths-Seybert, of Chicago, a decree of separation from Franklyn Seybert, of South Bend, on a cross-complaint charging desertion. Mrs. Seybert admitted giving the water cure, but the court held that this was cruelty only to the children and not to the plaintiff. Alimony was refused.

DREYFUS CONGRATULATED.

Liberal Germans Send French Officer a Message.

Brussels, July 19.—The entire Liberal left in the chamber of deputies has united in a significant telegram to Maj. Dreyfus, felicitating him on the triumph of the truth over intrigue.

"PORCH CLIMBER" FRIGHTENED AWAY

Mrs. A. B. Sowell Hears Man Entering The House.

Pluckily Goes Down Stairs and In- forming Her Son of the Presence of the Intruder.

MAKES ESCAPE UNIDENTIFIED.

A burglar of porch climbing predilections, who attempted to gain entrance to A. B. Sowell's residence, 1325 Broadway, this morning, about daybreak, was frightened away by Mrs. Sowell who went downstairs to inform her son of the burglar's presence.

Mr. Sowell went to Memphis, leaving at 3 o'clock this morning, and Mrs. Sowell was awake when the porch climber appeared. She sleeps upstairs and heard the man climb up the porch post and over the lattice railing. She heard him cross the porch and attempt to raise a window in the bath room, just across the hall from her room.

Horace Sowell, a son sleeps down stairs and the mother left her room to inform him. Passing a room occupied by her daughters, Miss Mary K. and Caroline Sowell, she knocked at the door and awakened them. This act probably frightened the burglar away, as he had beaten a hasty retreat when the son appeared on the scene.

INTERURBAN

LINES MAY BE EXTENDED OUT OF PADUCAH SOON.

Eastern Capitalists Inquiring and Stone & Webster Company Said to Be Awake.

It is persistently rumored that at least two coteries of eastern capitalists have written to Paducah for information with the view of building an interurban line out of Paducah. This idea has been agitated often, but so far with no material developments. The concerns interested in the latest projects are amply backed by capital and only seek assurance that the investment will be safe before proceeding.

It is probable that the Stone & Webster company will seek to extend its lines outside Paducah as soon as the local system is completely repaired. Just at present and for the next twelve months this company will direct all its attention to bringing the Paducah city service to first-class condition. It is not likely that this company, which is constantly engaged in the business of extending interurban lines, will allow itself to be crowded out of the field.

STRANGE LETTERS COME TO PADUCAH

Condemn Bitulithic Paving Compound.

Editorial From Local Publication Is Returned to Resident From Memphis.

ASPHALT MIXTURE ADVOCATED.

What is apparently an attack on the bitulithic paving compound and its makers by an interested competitor has come to light in letters from various places received by Paducahans during the last few weeks. These letters bearing no signatures, and sent from a different place each time, condemn the bitulithic pavement and present the advantages of asphalt as a paving compound.

This last feature of the communications affords the only clew to the identity of the senders, or, at least, the concern that is prompting the communications, and coupled with editorials, derogatory to bitulithic, which have been appearing from time to time in a local publication, notorious for its self-righteous declarations, make it appear that the asphalt trust is taking a hand in the local situation and endeavoring to discredit the product of the Nashville concern in Paducah.

One of these communications received by a Paducah man from Memphis contained a clipping or reprint of one of the editorials published September 5, 1905, condemning the bitulithic compound.

Another unsigned article on the same subject was dated from Nashville and other towns in Pennsylvania. This gentleman stated that similar communications had been received by his acquaintances, showing that the instigator of the letter writing is seeking to create a sentiment adverse to the bitulithic paving.

HIGHEST BIDDERS.

Get Houses and Others Return to Refugee Camps.

San Francisco, July 19.—The number of people in refugee camps is increasing daily because of the cupidity of the owners of houses, which escaped destruction by earthquake or fire. Houses are being rented to the highest bidders.

CITY HALL THIEF

STEALS FAN OUT OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS ROOM.

Mayor Thinks of Hiring a Watchman to Protect Property Around Headquarters.

"I am going to have a special man stationed at this city hall for the purpose of preventing people from stealing from the hall if something is not done at once."

This statement was made by Mayor D. A. Yeiser this afternoon when he discovered that the electric fan had been stolen from the office of the board of public works, which adjoins his office, and which is occupied by the city stenographer, Miss Bertha Leming. Mayor Yeiser addressed his remarks to Chief of Police James Collins and he was in anything but a good humor.

"I think that it has come to deplorable conditions when thieves go on sight here in the city hall, and think some drastic means should be taken at once to prevent it. I hear of many things being missed and it has gotten to be something more than a mere joke," he continued.

The mayor then retired and Chief Collins began a search for the fan. At last accounts he was still searching.

MIKASA TO FLOAT.

Togo's Famous Battleship Soon to Be Raised.

San Francisco, July 19.—Admiral Togo's famous battleship Mikasa, which sank at anchor in Port Saiboh, after the conclusion of the Russo-Japanese war, soon will be adrift again according to Japanese advices. Divers have been working on the sunken derelict for months.

SENTENCED TO DEATH IS GENERAL STOESSEL

General Falk Sent to Gallies For Twen- ty Years, According to the Commission.

FOR SURRENDERING PORT ARTHUR.

ROYAL LOOT

NEW YORK DETECTIVES ARE SCOURING TOWN FOR

Gems That Rank Among World's Fa- mous Perfect Stones in Collec- tion Stolen.

New York, July 19.—The Herald says: Gems of a size and value that make their description read like a list of loot of a royal treasure have been stolen and the detectives of police headquarters are raking the city high and low seeking to find a trace of them. It has been many years since the police have had on hand a search for scores of diamonds, most of them as large as a pigeon's egg, and so numerous that an estimate of value at \$50,000 is treated with scorn as wholly inadequate.

It is understood that the jewels were stolen from a woman very well known in New York society. Most magnificent of the pieces of jewelry which are included in the stolen treasure is a stomacher, a girdle of fire, in which only the finest diamonds are set. They range in size up to six karats.

In addition to the stomacher there are 25 other articles of diamond jewelry in the list of missing gems. These are also set with very large and very fine stones. Four karats are about the smallest of those set as solitaires, and other stones run up to six karats and larger.

SLAUGHTER HOUSES.

Will Be Examined by County Boards of Kansas.

Topeka, Kan., July 19.—A meat slaughtering house, near Wellington, inspected by order of the state board of health has been found to be in such a filthy condition that Dr. J. S. Crumblin, secretary of the board, has sent notices to the county commissioners of every county in the state, directing them to examine the slaughter houses in their districts, an act not found to be in a sanitary condition to allow five days for cleaning up as permitted by law. If the order is not complied with in the time specified, arrests and prosecution may follow.

OLD SETTLERS BAR POLITICS

Speakers at Reunion in Sangamon County Also Eschew Religion.

Springfield, Ill., July 19.—Politicians are barred from the programme to be given at the annual reunion of the Sangamon County Old Settlers' association August 8. The speakers also will be prohibited from discussing religion. In former years office-seekers have taken advantage of the reunion to get before the people in an effort to secure votes, and the old settlers have become tired of them.

UNUSUAL DIVORCE SUIT.

Young White Woman Finds That Her Husband Is a Negro.

New Orleans, July 19.—One of the most unusual divorce suits on record was filed in the civil district court today. Lena McIntosh a young white woman, who was married by Judge Maher in Algiers, to Charles A. Navarro January 20, 1902, asks for the annulment of the marriage on the ground that she has discovered that her husband is a negro.

Dr. Devine Resigns.

San Francisco, July 19.—Much to the surprise of friends and fellow members of the relief commission, Dr. Edward Devine has resigned his position on the relief committee. Dr. Devine said he desired to return to New York. He probably will leave for that city August 2.

St. Petersburg, July 19.—The commission appointed to inquire into the surrender of Port Arthur to the Japanese during the war, has filed a report. The commission proposes that General Stoessel, in command during the siege of Port Arthur, be sentenced to death, and General Falk, who was a member of Stoessel's staff, urged his chief to surrender, be condemned to twenty years in the galleys.

Sent to Siberia.

St. Petersburg, July 19.—An infantry regiment at Lodz refused to arrest soldiers of a cavalry regiment at Vilna, who declined to obey their officers, despite numerous threats made by commanders. Both regiments will be dismissed from the service and the men sent to Siberia.

St. Petersburg, July 19.—As further proof of the change of spirit at Peterhof it was learned that Emperor Nicholas has requested the members of the Goremynkin cabinet to retain their posts.

Barometer Falling.

St. Petersburg, July 19.—The political barometer is again falling. The confusion which seems to have taken possession of the upper spheres since the efforts to form a coalition ministry failed, coupled with the alarming reports from the interior and the attitude of parliament, make almost anything possible.

There has been a marked renewal of apprehension that the crisis may end in a coup d'etat against parliament.

The assassination of Vice Admiral Choukoun and Gen. Kozlov, the discovery that behind the murder of the general was a big plot to kill not only Gen. Trepoft, but Prince Putiatin and other courtiers, and the general epidemic of assassination, which has terrorized not only the local authorities, but even the police, together with the wild destruction of property by the peasantry in half a dozen provinces during the last few days, have again strengthened the small part of the court which believes in resorting to "extreme measures."

The adoption of the lower house of parliament of an address to the country will, it is feared, place in the hands of the reactionists the needed lever to move the emperor.

The members of the extreme left seemed to court a fight, preaching open revolution from the rostrum. The Novoe Vremya, which often reflects the views of the court, says today that the adoption by the lower house of an address to the country would go beyond the jurisdiction of parliament and virtually constitute an appeal from the government to the people.

Dispatches from the interior continue to tell without interruption stories of the burning of many houses, robberies, murders, collisions between peasants and rural guards and the hurried dispatch of troops here and there. The center of the peasants uprising is Voronezh province, where the peasants in their mania for the destruction of property do not discriminate between friends and enemies, as evidenced by the complete devastation of the estate of M. Kokoshkin, one of the most prominent constitutional democrats in the lower house.

TROLLEY CAR KILLS BANKER

Philadelphia Capitalist is Crushed
Death Under Wheels.

Philadelphia, July 19.—George May, a wealthy banker, was crushed to death today under the wheels of a trolley car.

Fair tonight, Friday probably local thunder showers. The highest temperature reached yesterday was 92 and the lowest reached this morning was 71.